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SUBJECT: Site Assessment Letter Report for  
Automotive Finishes  
Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan  
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The Ecology and Environment, Inc., Technical Assistance Team (TAT) was tasked by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) through Technical Directive Document (TDD) #05-9201-009 to perform a site assessment of Automotive Finishes. The TAT conducted an extensive background search and completed telephone interviews with a company representative and the local Fire Marshall. It was not necessary for the TAT team to visit this site. The TAT coordinated it's activities and communicated it's findings to the U.S. EPA On-Scene Coordinator (OSC), Robert Buckley. This letter report summarizes the TAT activities and constitutes the final deliverable for this site.

This site came to the attention of the U.S. EPA in July, 1991 when an anonymous caller contacted the U.S. EPA-sponsored hotline. The caller reported Automotive Finishes was disposing various chemicals, including toluene and other solvents into corroded underground storage tanks (USTs). According to the Telecommunication Report (TCR) filed when the caller phoned the hotline, the caller believed the USTs were structurally unsound because he observed sand being pumped from the tanks each time the chemicals were pumped out.

Automotive Finishes is located at 3830 Wyoming Avenue, Dearborn, Wayne County, Michigan. The site is an active painting facility. The underground storage tanks are jointly operated by the AF and other firms in the neighborhood.

In order to determine the status of the USTs, the TAT telephoned the local Fire Marshall's office. The UST program for that area is being administered and supervised by the local fire department.

On March 17, 1992, Fire Marshall, Solomon Malik, was contacted. He stated that the tanks were removed in 1991 and properly reported to his office. The TAT then telephoned Mr. Bill Van Etten of Automotive Finishes to request documentation verifying the removal of the USTs. Mr. Van Etten forwarded an UST Registration Certificate, verifying the removal of five USTs in October, 1991.

Based on the documentation sent by Mr. Van Etten, the removed tanks included four 10,000 gallon and one 6,000 gallon tanks. During a follow up conversation with Mr. Van Etten, three areas of interest were discussed: 1) current outside chemical storage existence, 2) oil facility storage, and 3) sampling activities to determine soil and groundwater contamination. Mr. Van Etten stated no outside chemical or oil storage exists. Mr. Van Etten also informed the TAT that testing was completed and contamination was confirmed. The site is presently being cleaned up by a contractor under the guidance of the Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

In summary, the TAT has documentation which indicates that five USTs at Automotive Finishes have been removed and the clean-up of contamination is being monitored by the MDNR. Upon conferring with OSC Robert Buckley, he advised the TAT that no further actions were necessary and recommended closure of the TDD.